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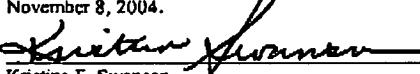
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This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Supplemental Office Action made final, dated August 18, 2004 in the identified application. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below, which include, in order of appearance, beginning on separate sheets:

- Amendments to the Claims; and
- Remarks.